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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 July 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☒ Other: see attached office action.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Claims 7 and 8 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 17 March 2005.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

4. Claims 3 and 4 both recite the limitation "a third client" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. In claim 3, a third client receives content from the second client server, while in claim 4, a third client receives content from the first client server. It is unclear whether this means that the third client may belong to multiple client networks, and/or whether a client may receive content from multiple client servers and whether a mechanism for determining which server provides content is used. For the purposes of this action only, the examiner will assume that a first client server sends to a fourth client, while the second client server sends to the third.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

6. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Huang et al. (6,292,835).

7. For claims 1 and 5, Huang teaches a method and system (abstract) for multi-tier multi-casting via a public communication network (col. 1, line 1 – col. 3, line 25), comprising:

a. A content server (Fig. 1, #108) adapted to multi-cast predetermined content (col. 4, lines 3-5) via the public communication network (Fig. 1, #111), wherein the content server comprises a first tier (Fig. 1; S);

b. A first client server (Fig. 1, #105) adapted to receive the content multi-cast by the content server via the public communication network (col. 4, lines 20-30), and to multi-cast the received content (col. 4, lines 28-45) via a first private communication network (Fig. 1, #110), wherein the first client server comprises a second tier (Fig. 1; P); and

c. A first client (Fig. 1, #101) adapted to receive the content multi-cast by the first client server via the first private communication network (col. 4, lines 28-45).

8. For claims 2 and 6, Huang teaches that the method and system further comprises:

a. A second client server adapted to receive the content multi-cast by the content server via the public communication network, and to multi-cast the received content via a

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second private communication network, wherein the first and second client servers comprise said second tier (col. 4, lines 18-21); and

b. A second client adapted to receive the content multi-cast by the second client server via the second private communication network (Fig. 1, #102).

9. For claim 3, Huang teaches a third client adapted to receive the content multi-cast by the second client server via the second private communication network (Fig. 1, #103).

10. For claim 4, Huang teaches a fourth client adapted to receive the content multi-cast by the first client server via the first private communication network (Fig. 1, #104).

Conclusion

11. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. They discuss multi-tier environments and more specifically message sending and protocol conversion techniques.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melvin H. Pollack whose telephone number is (571) 272-3887.

The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Valencia Martin-Wallace can be reached on (571) 272-6159. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.


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